



**Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC)
Special Meeting Notice
February 28, 2008 Business meeting
Point Plaza East
310 Israel Road SW
Room 152
Tumwater, WA 98501
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Commission Members: Judith D. Personett, EdD, Certified Nurse
Administrator Advanced (CNA), RN, Chair
Susan Wong, MBA, MPA, RN, Vice-Chair
Linda Batch, LPN
Erica Benson-Hallock, MPPA, Public Member
William Hagens, MA, Public Member
Rev. Ezra Kinlow, MTH, Public Member
Darrell Owens, ARNP, Ph.D.
Jackie Rowe, RN
Robert Salas, RN
Diane Sanders, RN, BC, MN
Rhonda Taylor, MSN, RN
Mariann Williams, MPH, MSN, RN, ARNP
Susan Woods, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN
Laura Yockey, LPN

Assistant Attorney General: Gail Yu, Assistant Attorney General

Staff: Paula Meyer, MSN, RN, Executive Director
Mary Dale, Discipline Manager
H. Louise Lloyd, Secretary
Terry West, Health Services Consultant

The purpose of this meeting was to review House Bill 1103 in its most current version on February 28, 2008. The meeting was conducted with the NCQAC members by teleconference.

- 1. 7:05 PM Opening — Dr. Judith D. Personett, Chair**
 - Call to order

- Introductions
- Order of the Agenda

2. **Report from the Legislative Task Force – Dr. Judith Personett- DISCUSSION/ACTION**

The legislative task force of the NCQAC requested a special meeting to discuss the most current version of House Bill 1103. The NCQAC will review the bill, section by section, determine if they would like to take a position on the language, and determine their response. The NCQAC may, but is not limited to, actions including:

- write a letter in response to the language,
- accept the language, or,
- determine if a series of meetings is necessary to address the language.

Karen Jensen, Health Systems Quality Assurance Policy Director, was present. Ms. Jensen presented a review of the 3rd and 4th Substitutes and the February 28 amendment to the 4th substitute of House Bill 1103. Copies of these bills and amendments are available upon request by calling the NCQAC office. The bill now contains elements from the Governor's patient safety bill:

- Streamlining the application process
- Permanent revocation of licenses
- Timely production of records for investigations, citation and fine authority
- Access to criminal background checks and the ability to access federal background checks
- Show cause hearings with summary suspension of licenses
- The secretary of health will be the disciplinary authority on sexual misconduct cases unless there are scope of practice or clinical issues – the boards and commissions would review the case first and determine if clinical issues exist. If not, the case would proceed to the secretary to complete the disciplinary process.
- Uniform sanctioning guidelines and rules
- Four pilot projects, five years duration, with the medical, nursing, chiropractic and dental commissions

House Bill 1103 now rests with the Senate Ways and Means committee. The bill needs to move from the Ways and Means committee by March 3.

The NCQAC members asked questions related to the pilot projects:

- Hiring of the executive director, the current shared responsibilities, salary
- Staff available to do the work of the NCQAC
- Budgetary deadlines, creating a budget, using the budget through the end of the biennium
- Relationship of the NCQAC with the department – how would this change, the operating agreement, labor considerations with staff

- Is there any evidence to support the model suggested by the pilot project, what performance measures would be used to provide evidence
- Would the pilot project support the use of nurse investigators at salaries needed to recruit and retain qualified nurses

Dr. Personett drafted a letter addressing concerns with the bill and expressing willingness to participate in a pilot project. The letter was reviewed and minor edits suggested.

A motion to send the letter to Mary Selecky with the items outlined as drafted was adopted. The letter will be sent on Friday, February 29, 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.